



Economic Development and Workforce Services

2019 Bills Passed by the Utah Legislature

H.B. 47 Early Childhood Coordination Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. Snow/Sen. Millner (Committee Bill)

- Creates the Early Childhood Utah Advisory Council in the Department of Health.
- Creates the Governor's Early Childhood Commission in the governor's office (with staff support from the Department of Workforce Services).
- The duties of the commission include coordinating the provision of services to children in early childhood by state agencies and community partners.

H.B. 84 Economic Development Programs Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. Watkins/Sen. Hinkins

- Removes the \$30,000 cap on money that may be awarded to a single rural economic development entity under the Business Expansion and Retention Initiative, which is overseen by the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

H.B. 109 Hydrogen Fuel Production Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. Sagers/Sen. Sandall

- Expands the definitions of "throughput infrastructure project" and "high cost infrastructure project" to include a facility for the storage, production, or distribution of hydrogen fuel, which allows such projects to utilize the throughput infrastructure fund and certain tax credits.

H.B. 110 Rural Economic Development Incentives

Sponsors: Rep. Albrecht/Sen. Okerlund

- Increases the maximum amount (from \$25,000 to \$250,000) that a business entity may qualify for under the rural employment expansion grant program, which is overseen by the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

H.B. 177 Fund of Funds Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. Waldrip/Sen. Bramble

- Limits the information the Utah Capital Investment Corporation (an independent entity) must provide to the Utah Public Finance Website to aggregate information only, including compensation, administrative, operating, and finance costs.

H.B. 181 Tax Credit Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. King/Sen. Mayne

- Modifies provisions related to the Tax Credit for Employment of Persons Who Are Homeless Act, which is overseen by the Department of Workforce Services, generally making it easier for an employer to qualify for the tax credit.

H.B. 224 Department of Heritage and Arts Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. Winder/Sen. Kitchen

- Modifies provisions related to the Department of Heritage and Arts, including:
 - recodifying the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism;
 - creating the Division of Multicultural Affairs;
 - creating the Utah Multicultural Commission; and
 - creating the Utah Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission.

H.B. 227 Utah Computer Science Grant Act

Sponsors: Rep. Knotwell/Sen. Millner (and 53 cosponsors)

- Creates the Computer Science for Utah Grant Program in the Talent Ready Utah Center. The grant program is administered by the State Board of Education and the Talent Ready Utah Board. The grant is designed to improve and expand the opportunities for computer science education in the state (\$3.15 MM appropriation).

H.B. 264 Economic Development Modifications

Sponsors: Rep. Winder/Sen. McCay

- Consolidates definitions within the statutory provisions of the Governor's Office of Economic Development related to economic incentives.
- Repeals provisions related to the Alternative Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit Act.

H.B. 276 Rural Economic Development Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. Watkins/Sen. Hinkins

- Creates the Rural Rapid Manufacturing Grant Program within the Governor's Office of Economic Development to support projects related to small-batch, fast-delivery manufacturing in rural areas (\$500 K appropriation).

H.B. 280 Apprenticeship Opportunity Awareness

Sponsors: Rep. Winder/Sen. Mayne

- Creates the Commissioner of Apprenticeship Programs within the Department of Workforce Services to coordinate with the department and other stakeholders to improve and promote apprenticeship opportunities in the state.

H.B. 296 Rural Online Working Hubs Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. Albrecht/Sen. Okerlund

- Creates the Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program within the Governor's Office of Economic Development to construct or renovate coworking and innovation centers in rural areas (\$500 K appropriation).

H.B. 342 Homeless Provider Oversight Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. King/Sen. Anderegg

- Requires the Homeless Coordinating Committee to prepare and implement a statewide strategy for minimizing homelessness in the state, including coordinating the delivery of services through the use of electronic databases and data sharing among service providers.

H.B. 345 Tourism Marketing Performance Account Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. Gibson/Sen. Hemmert

- Modifies provisions related to the Tourism Marketing Performance Account by modifying the definition of “sports organization.” (The sports organization described in this bill receives 10% of the money annually appropriated to the Tourism Marketing Performance Account.)

H.B. 378 Regulatory Sandbox

Sponsors: Rep. Roberts/Sen. Hemmert

- Creates a “regulatory sandbox” program in the Department of Commerce, which allows a participant to temporarily test innovative financial products or services on a limited basis without otherwise being licensed or authorized to act under the laws of the state.

H.C.R. 15 Concurrent Resolution Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Golden Spike

Sponsors: Rep. Ferry/Sen. Sandall

- Commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike site and recognizes the historic significance of the completion of the first transcontinental railroad.

S.B. 34 Affordable Housing Modifications

Sponsors: Sen. Anderegg/Rep. Potter (Committee Bill)

- Modifies the requirements, including reporting requirements, of municipalities and counties related to the moderate-income housing plan element of their general plan (received no appropriation).

S.B. 138 Utah Apprenticeship Act

Sponsors: Sen. Anderegg/Rep. Peterson

- Creates an apprentice pilot program in the Talent Ready Utah Center to provide apprenticeships for high school students by partnering with private businesses and the State Board of Education.

S.B. 159 Department of Workforce Services Amendments

Sponsors: Sen. Weiler/Rep. Winder

- Makes various cleanup changes to the Utah Workforce Services Code, including broadening the rulemaking authority of the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board and repealing two restricted accounts no longer in use.

S.B. 172 Economic Development Amendments

Sponsors: Sen. Millner/Rep. Peterson

- Requires the Governor's Office of Economic Development, by October 1, 2019, to develop a written strategic plan that contains a coordinated economic development strategy for the state in consultation with the Department of Workforce Services, the Office of Energy Development, the State Board of Education, the State Board of Regents, and the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees.
- Creates the Utah Works Program within the Talent Ready Utah Center.
- Moves the STEM Action Center from the Governor's Office of Economic Development to the Department of Heritage and Arts.
- Moves STEM education endorsements from the Governor's Office of Economic Development to the State Board of Education.

S.B. 212 USTAR Amendments

Sponsors: Sen Sandall/Rep. Quinn

- Dissolves the Utah Science Technology and Research (USTAR) Governing Authority and requires USTAR to develop a plan to move USTAR programs to the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

S.B. 222 Children's Outdoor Recreation Program

Sponsors: Sen. Fillmore/Rep. Winder

- Creates the Utah Children's Outdoor Recreation and Education Grant Program within the Governor's Office of Economic Development's Office of Outdoor Recreation (\$100 K appropriation).

S.B. 225 Homeless Service Provider Amendments

Sponsors: Sen Escamilla/Rep. Ray

- Provides that the Homeless Coordinating Committee may award money from the Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account for the purpose of providing medical respite care for homeless individuals.